

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached three sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1-4 which have been re-labeled as FIGS. 1-9. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1-9, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-4.

**Attachment:** Three (3) replacement sheets.

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Claims are 1-4 and 6-12. Claim 5 has been canceled, and new claim 12 has been added incorporating subject matter previously appearing in claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended to delete this subject matter. The claims have also been amended to improve their form. In amended FIGS. 1-9, the previously-labeled FIGS. 1-4 have been re-labeled as FIGS. 1-9. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as failing to show the anchoring means recited in claim 5. The drawings were also objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(u)(1) as failing to number the views with consecutive Arabic numerals. In response, Applicants have canceled claim 5 and have amended the drawings to re-label FIGS. 1a), 1b) and 1c) as FIGS. 1-3, have re-labeled FIGS. 2a), 2b), 2c) and 2d) as FIGS. 4-7, and have re-labeled FIGS. 3 and 4 as FIGS. 8 and 9, respectively. In addition, the specification has been amended to refer to the new numerical designations for the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments overcome the objections

of the Examiner to the drawings, and Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in the use of the phrase "such as" in claim 3. In response, Applicants have amended claim 3 to delete this phrase, and have added new claim 12 dependent on claim 3 containing subject matter which was deleted by this amendment of claim 3. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendment overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn as well.

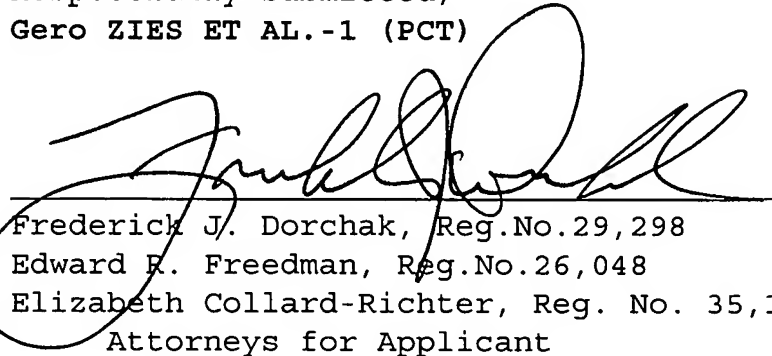
As the Examiner has indicated that all claims contain allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 11, together with claims 2-4, 6-10 and 12 which depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 as amended, are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1-4 and 6-11, have been amended, claim 5 has been cancelled, and new claim 12 has been added. The Specification and the drawings have also been amended. In view

of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
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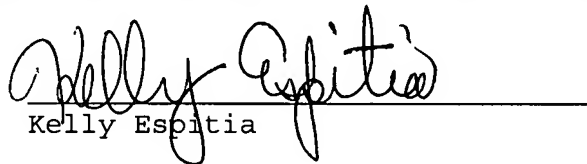


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Enclosures: Three (3) replacement drawings (Appendix)  
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement  
with Form PTO-1449 and 3 references  
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